GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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FCI GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) The rules framed by Food Corporation of India for taking the godowns on rent;

(b) whether it is a fact that many godowns of FCI are situated as far as 70-80 kilometres away from the railway station;

(c) if so, the losses suffered by the FCI on transportation as a result thereof during the last year; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to take such godowns situated near the railway station?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Food Corporation of India, while taking godowns on rent takes intoaccount operational requirements and others factors like storage-worthiness of the godowns, availability of facilities like weighbridges, office block, railway siding etc.

Some godowns which are away from railheads have to be hired by FCI in hilly and remoteareas on account of operational necessities. The additional cost incurred in taking foodgrains from nearest railhead to such godowns, thus becomes unavoidable. If there is a choice, godowns near railheads are preferred for hiring.